

1 Prince Wan Waithyakorn, Siamese Ambassador to the United States who is presently in Bangkok, has reported to his government that there are two conflicting schools of thought in the United States Department of State concerning United States policy in Southeast Asia:

(1) The United States should do all possible to contain Communism

and to prevent Russian domination in Southeast Asia

(2) The United States should abandon Southeast Asia, and construct the American first line of political defense elsewhere,

Wan feels that the second school of thought is in the ascendancy and will 2 probably prevail.

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Comment. It seems certain that the Siamese Covernment will be guided by wan's advice.

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